Government Hospitals in Delhi whose services have been terminated by Government recently;

(b) what were the main demands of those doctors;

(c) whether any negotiations are going on with a view to reinstate the sacked doctors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) : (a) to (d) The number of junior doctors in Delhi hospitals is 2426. Out of these approximately 1500 are junior resident doctors and the remaining are senior resident doctors. The services of approximately 2400 of the junior doctors were terminated during the strike which lasted from 16th May to Ist July, 1989.

The main demands of the striking doctors related to payment of NPA per month; Dearness Allowance on 100 per cent of emoluments; contingency allowance of Rs. 100 per month for junior residents and Rs. 250 per month for senior residents, payment of arrears thereof from 1-1-86 in respect of NPA and DA and 1-1-87 for contingency allowance; treatment of residency period as part of service for all service matters.

An agreement was finally reached between the representatives of Junior Doctors Federation and the Government on 1st July, 1989. As per terms of the agreement all the junior doctors whose services were terminated have since resumed their duties.

Non-Lifting of the samples of Tikki in Tilak Vihar

*5. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite a large number of persons becoming food poisoning victims in Tilak Vihar Delhi recently, the Prevention of Food Adulteration Department, Delhi has not lifted the samples of the adulterated tikki or the cooking medium;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to the inefficiency of the Department, the food poisoning cases in Delhi are increasing;

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take against the Department for not lifting the samples of eatables in the capital;

(d) whether any responsibility has been fixed on the local health authorities and Food Inspectors of the Department in such adulteration cases; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) : (a) to (e) On receipt of information regarding the cases of food poisoning in Tilak Vihar, the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi Administration, took immediate action in the matter. Samples of Tikki which had been seized from the vendor by the police were collected by the PFA Department and sent for analysis. Samples of the cooking medium (mustard oil) and chilly powder used for preparing the Tikki were collected from the shopkeeper who had sold these items to the vendor and also sent for analysis.

The vendor selling the Tikki was arrested under Section 328 IPC.

To detect cases of food adulteration, Prevention of Food Adulteration Department of Delhi Administration lifted 769 samples in 1989 up to the end of June, 1989. In the preceding years, 1542 samples were taken in 1988 and 1660 samples were taken in 1987.